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They Design'd to have laid the *GUILTY* of their
HELLISH CONSPIRACIES

AGAINST

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Dissenting Protestants.

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Ertaingly had not *Catiline* liv'd before the Coming of CHRIST, he would have been taken for a *Jesuit*; so like was he to them in his Conditions, his Tenets, and his Practice. His Conditions were Bloody and Cruel, his Plots against the Magistracy and Government of the whole Nation; and his Doctrine, *That there was no way to be safe for them that begin high acts of villany, but by Attempting greater.* How near the *Catilines* of this Age, whose Plots against his Majestie and His Government have been so lately Discovered, followed the Footsteps of Father *Cethegus*, and Father *Curius*, and the rest of that Bloody Gang, every day more and more discovers. Here has been Plot upon Plot, and greater Tills attempted to conceal the shame and Ignominy of former Impieties; Treason so foul and horrid, that Treason it self could not Rest till it had revealed it; while Labouring against the Stream of Providence, the Contrivers fall into those snares themselves, which they were so cunningly Covering to Entrap others.

The First notice of this last Contrivance was given by Colonel *Manse*; So that His Majestie was pleased upon the Twenty seventh of October last; to have a full hearing of the Business in Council: Where the Colonel made his Complaint against one *Willoughby* alias *Cangerfield*, alias *Thomas*, alias *Day*, who had been about six Weeks ago a Prisoner in *Newgate* under Conviction for several Notorious Crimes, and was thence discharged by the Solicitation and Expence of one Mrs. *Cellier* a zealous Papist and Midwife to the Lady *Rowis*, and several other Ladies of the Romish Perswasion.

The Main of the design, as it appeared, was this: That certain persons intending a new Plot, thereby to throw the Old One upon the Protestants began to put their contrivance in Execution, by the Assistance of this most special instrument, *Willoughby*, who to this effect beginning with Colonel *Manse*, lying in Ax-Yard in Westminster, took a Lodg-

ing in the same House, where having lain but one Night, the very next Day he goes to the Commissioners of the Custom House, and informs them, That at such a House in Ax Yard there lay conceal'd several parcels of French Lace, and other prohibited Goods; desiring their Warrant withal, and Authority to Search for and Seize the same: Which the Commissioners readily granted, and sent two of their Officers along with him for farther security and Assistance.

These Persons coming to the said House, declared that they came to search for above a thousand pounds worth of prohibited Goods that lay concealed therein. Their Errand very much surprized the Mistress of the House, in regard (that to the best of her knowledge) she had never lodged any that were either Merchants or Traders in Foreign or other commodities whatsoever. Notwithstanding which, the New Lodger and the Officers proceeded to make a diligent search in all places, and coming into the Colonels Chamber, by Willoughbys particular directions very strictly examined every Corner, but more especially the bed and bedsted, which was removed and carefully searched by the help of a Candle, which the Mistress of the house brought up. After the Officers had made a long search, and could find nothing, they applyed themselves to put up the Colonels Cloths and Goods which had been tumbled and misplaced, intending to depart. But in the Interim, Willoughby who had continued all the while behind the bed, cryed out, What? were we all blind? come look what this is. Whereupon the Officers returning to see, what they could not imagin they had seen there before, found a broad large and thick Packquet pinned to the head Cloath of the bed, which they pulled down & found sealed; but presently broak open & perceived it to be a Pacquet of Letters: One of which Willoughby suddenly catching up, in a great surprize cryed out, *Treason, Treason! these are all traitterous Letters*; Thereupon the Officers carried the Letters to the commissioners, and made a full report of all that had happened, which seemed a strange kind of an intregue to them. The Colonel who was absent all this while, at length comes home, and understanding what had passed, found means to retrieve the said packets and immediatly carried it to his Majestie, with an account of what had befallen him, assuring His Majestie of his own Innocence, and produced such proofs thereof, that he occasioned Willoughby to be Committed to Newgate, and an order to be given to the Attorney General for the Drawing up of an Indictment of High Treason against Willoughby.

Upon November 1. 1679 Colonel Mansell further proved by good witnesses, that the forementioned Willoughby had stood twice in the pillory, once at Salisbury; and that in Berkshire he had been whipt at the carts-tail:

That he had been *Convicted* at the *Old Bailey* in *London*, for *Defacing* the *Kings Arms* upon the milled *Shillings* and *Stamping* the *Cross Scepters* upon them; after which he *Gilt* them, and *passed* them away for *Guinies*. Some of the *Letters* which were in the *Pacquet*, pretended to be found in the *Colonels Chamber*, were written in *Carraeters*, all of different *Hands*, and contained *Treasonable Matters*; with the names of a great many worthy *Gentlemen*, whose untainted *Loyalty* was thereby to have been rendered *obnoxious*. This *Willoughby* appeared at court very *splendid* in *Habit*, with a *servant* in a *Livery* attending him: And it is said, he was by a great person brought to his Majesty about a month since, and recommended as a person much concerned in a *Presbyterian Plot* against his Majesty, and Government, of which he would give his Majesty a continual account: And indeed his carriage and confidence was such as might deserve some credit at first, till he appeared so *Black*, by the discovery of the whole cheat; that the Council declared, That they lookt on this matter as a *Design* of the *papists* to put a stop to the prosecution of the plot, and that they were of opinion that his majesties person was still in danger.

Upon *Saturday, November 1.* *aforesaid*, the Council sat late upon the further Examination of this *Willoughby*, and the midwife *mrs. cellier*, who was by *Willoughby* charged for holding a correspondence to *Assassinate* the King and the *Lord Shaftsbury*, naming also several other instruments engaged; among the rest, the *Lady Powis*. He also further insisted, That the said *mrs. Cellier* had upbraided him with cowardice, for not *stabbing* the *Lord Shaftsbury*. which he confessed he had undertaken and resolved to have done; but had not power to *Execute*, though his hand was twice on his *Dagger*: and that thereupon she took the *Dagger* from him, saying, *she wou'd do it her self*; in order whereunto she made a Visit to his Lordship, upon pretence of business; but was by providence prevented, many other detestable Crimes she was charged with, which were attended with such circumstances of Guilt, that the council ordered her from the *gatehouse* to *Newgate*.

One *Mr. Rigault*, a *Virginia Merchant*, inhabiting in the City, but a *Frenchman* born, was also accused for being in confederacy with her, and Examined, and afterwards committed to *Newgate*. The *Earl of Castlemain* (being under Bail on a former accusation) was likewise accused, examined, and Committed to the *Tower*.

On *Sunday* at Four of the clock the Council being again Assembled, *Dangefield*, *Mr. Celvier*, and *Mr. John Gadbury* the *Astrologer* were

were all Three brought and Examined: Mr. *Gadbury* was charg'd as a Confederate with the former; & that he had cast the Nativities of His Majesty, and his Royal Highness, and had from thence drawn Treasonable Conclusions, with divers other Matters of a High Nature for which he was sent to the *Gate-House*.

These Plotters had contrived a *Scheme of Government* wherein they had placed the Prime of His Majesties most Faithful Nobility at the Helm of Government, by the old Name of *Conservators of the Liberties of England*: And so in other Employments and Qualifications such other Worthy persons as were most opposite to their Interest, intending thereby their utter Extirpation, and the Ruin of the Government and Protestant Religion.

The Papers containing the Model of their Plot was found by Sir *William Waller* in Mr. *Cellier's* House in the bottom of a Meal-Tub under Meal, where no doubt they thought them safe enough from being seized; but the diligence of Sir *William* (Providence directing) found them out, to their no small Amazement and Confusion.

Within a day or two after, Sir *William Waller* seized in a House near the Arch in *Lincolns-Inn Fields* leading into *Duke-Street*, several Habits, Vestments, Crucifixes, Reliques, and several other *Papist Trincets*, all very rich, and of considerable value; as also divers Trunks and Boxes stuff'd full of Books and Papers, which, as it is said, belonged to Father *Harcourt* lately executed, and contain matters of great Importance to the farther discovery of the Plot, and confirmation of the King's Evidence.

They were discovered by means of a *Bricklayer*, who was mending the Tiles of the House, and perceiving them to be lodged in that obscure place, said nothing till he had finished his work; but then informed Sir *William* thereof, who coming with the *Bricklayer* and some other Assistants, searched the House, but could find no such place; so much that he began to suspect some fraud in the *Bricklayer*, which put the *Bricklayer* in such a rage, that he got upon the House and untild it. The Tiles were no sooner laid open, but they discovered what they came for, and being got the wrong way into the Room, they soon found the right way out again.

From that House they loaded a full Cart-load of the concealed goods beforementioned, part of which consisted of some hundreds of Books, very well bound in large *Octavo*, called *the difference between Spiritua's*
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and Temporals, being the Translation of a *Spanish* Jeuit, by Sir *Vivian Molineux*, Dedicated to the present Queens Majesty of England, and Printed in the year 1672. with many *Papish Catechisms* and *School-Books*, to corrupt and poyson the Youth of the Nation.

By the Time since these Books were Printed, the vast quantities which have been by Sir *William Waller* and other gentlemen, already Seized and burnt, by the quantities (which may be certain are still concealed, and by the vast Numbers which we may easily conceive) are already scattered and dispersed into private Hands and Families; we may readily calculate to what a Lofty Stature *Poperie* would have grown in a few years more, by such careful Waterings of the Tender English Plants as these: if not thus, in every thing, by a Miraculous Providence prevented.

Books are no less Criminal than men; in regard they intend the same Destruction of the Sou, as the other to the Body: And therefore it is as necessary to bring Books to condign punishment, as any other sort of malefactors what ever. These howsoever had the happiness to accompany their Lord and Master *Antichrist*, the rise and source of all *Europe's* Calamities, condemned by the people to those Flames to which he had condemned the whole Kingdom. To which purpose, on the Fifth of November last, in the Palace-Yard at Westminster, a great Bonfire was made, which proved the Funeral Pile of all these venomous Seducements of *Poperie*, and several Copes, and other Vestments and Habits, Beads and other Trinkets, belonging, or at least in the custody of *Father Harcourt*, who had the impudence to avouch his innocency and allegiance, with all this Trumpery and Testimonies of Rebellion, at the same time committed to his keeping.

Among these baubles was found one piece of great antiquity, and by computation of time almost 800 years old. It was a Cross of Gold, weighing about Four ounces, upon which on the one side was engraven these words, *Defendite Gentes hanc partem Crucis Omnipotentis*; in English, Defend O ye Nations this part of the Omnipotent Cross: On the other side were engraven the Arms of *Alfred*, King of England, who dyed in the year 901. Besides which Engraveing, it was empail'd with divers precious Stones of a considerable value. Within this Cross was another Cross of Ebony, to which the Gold one seemed to serve only for a Case; and as if it had been a little Nest of Serpentine Idlatry, the Ebony Cross was inlaid with another Cross of a quite different Wood, which it is supposed their superstition believed to be a piece of the Cross upon which our Saviour suffered. There

There was also a Gold Ring with a Motto, wrap'd up in white Paper, upon which was written *The Ring of the Bishop of Glasgow*, with several other curiosities, which are as yet preserved. The cross was presented by Sir William to His Majesty, who said, he would keep it for its Antiquity.

Soon after was seized one Mr. Curtis, who is reported to have been formerly a clerk to Sir William Bucknall, one of the Farmers of Exchequer after that a servant to Mr. Henry Nevil; and lastly to a worthy member of Parliament, from whose service he betook himself to a debauched course of Life; and falling into the acquaintance of Dangerfield, and the rest of that Gang, appears to have been designed for one of the eight witnesses, that were to have sworn in confirmation of this New Mock-plot. He was first examined by Mr. Warcup, and sent a Prisoner to the Gate-house, and afterwards was sent for before the Council, where doubtless he confessed something of importance, not yet fit to be made publick; whereby he obtained the favour of Bail, which was granted him accordingly.

As for the Lady P. it is said she has confessed all she has been charged with, save only that she was not privy to any Design to murder His most Sacred Majesty. And indeed, that Lady was so brisk at her first Examination as to deny that ever she knew, or had seen Mr. Dangerfield; to which he reply'd, that she had sufficient Testimony in her own breast to convince her that she knew him; which words he was afterwards forc'd to explain, no way to the advantage of the Lady.

One Mr. Bedford, being fallen into the Gang, was design'd to have been a Witness with Mr. Dangerfield against Sir Thomas Player, for Treason, which Dangerfield had ready drawn up (as if spoken by Sir Thomas) in the nature of an affidavit for him to set his Hand to. All Dangerfield put him to before, went down well, till this writing appear'd, at which he bogg'd. And this being put to him in the very manner of Colonel Mansell's discovery of the cheat, Bedford fairly came in and confess'd all he was privy to, which being back'd with several Evidences more against Dangerfield, was the first occasion of his Commitment: who though at first, as all Malefactors do, he thought to have blinded the Eye of Justice by a brazen-faced denial, yet such has been his discovery since, and so well attended with circumstances, and credible evidence, besides something considerable of matter of Fact also, that His Majesty and Council have thought fit to grant him his pardon, as they have done to one Mr. Sergeant, a Secular Priest, lately come from Holland with Mr. Sidney His Majesties

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Embassadour to that State, who has given His Majesty an account of the proceedings of the Papists abroad, in order to the accomplishing their designs against His Person and Government at home, which God of his infinite mercy preserve.

Thus we may observe a Counterplot carried on by the same partie, that is to say, the *Jesuits* and their accomplices, designed to cover their own dishonourable Guilt, by accusing the Innocent, and endeavouring to incense His Majesty against his own Subjects, in hopes thereby to disable and enervate the strength of his Kingdom; manag'd with a malice suitable to the Crimson cogitations of Rome, but with such a precipitation, as hath utterly defiled the Fame of *Jesuitical Craft*, and shewed them rather actuated by the violent Springs and Forces of Necessity and Revenge, then by the regular rules of Knavery: or rather enforced by providence to farther confusion, and hastily driven forward with such a choise of Instruments, that must for ever Obliterate the Scandals of those infamous Libels which have endeavoured to invalidate the Kings Evidence by the Clamorous reproches of poverty and perjury, who were themselves so impiously contriving to blow up the Loyalty, integrity and innocence of so many persons of indelable worth and Honour, and with them the Reputation of so considerable a part of the People with a continued series of the perjuries and false Testimonies of debauchery & impiety: as if *St. Omers Colledge* were at such a low Ebb, that it must be beholding to our *College of Newgate*, for dexterity of Execution in the Carrers of Popish Contrivances.

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